

REMARKS

I. Amendment to the Claims

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, forty-three (43) claims are pending in the application. Of the pending claims, five (5) claims are independent. Claim No. 20 had been withdrawn subject to the applicant's right to incorporate the limitations of an allowable generic apparatus claim into this process claim according to 37 C.F.R. §1.141(a). Accordingly, applicant has amended Claim No. 20 to incorporate the allowable subject matter from Claim No. 10. Claim Nos. 42, 43 and 46 have been cancelled.

Applicant submits that the amendment to the withdrawn independent claim, Claim No. 10, is being made in accordance with 37 CFR §1.116 because the claim is being amended pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.141(a) and MPEP §821.04 Rejoinder in which applicant is permitted to amend and enter Claim No. 20 before final allowance.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 42, 43 and 46 under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, these claims include the same subject matter from the independent claims from which they depend or other dependent claims. Accordingly, applicant has cancelled these claims.

III. Conclusion

For the reasons discussed above, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims now pending are allowable over the prior art of record.

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all

presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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